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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP

REF: JIDDA 2003

1. CLEARLY SAUDI ARABIA DID CONTRIBUTE STRONGLY TO
SUCCESS OF ARAB AFRICAN SUMMIT, AND WE ARE INTERESTED
IN PRINCE SAUD'S STRESS ON CLOSE SAUDI COOPERATION WITH
IMF AND WORLD BANK.

2. IN LATTER REGARD YOU SHOULD, ON A SUITABLE OCCASION,
CALL SAG'S ATTENTION TO IMPORTANT WORK UN DEVELOPMENT
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PROGRAM DOES IN MAKING PRE-INVESTMENT AND OTHER STUDIES
WHICH ENABLE WORLD BANK AND OTHER LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO
PROCEED WITH WORTHWHILE PROJECTS. TO DO THIS UNDP NEEDS
SUSTAINED FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IN 1976 SAUDI ARABIA GAVE
DOLLARS 2.5 MILLION TO UNDP AND LATER 5 MILLION DOLLARS.
THEIR PLEDGE FOR 1977 IS 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS. IN LIGHT
OF FOREGOING WE WOULD HOPE SAG CONTINUE ITS 1976 LEVEL

OF 7.5 MILLION OR EVEN INCREASE IT.

3. FYI. AS YOU KNOW, CONGRESS IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER THE RELATIVELY LOW CONTRIBUTIONS BY OPEC COUNTRIES TO UN AGENCIES. CURRENT HEARINGS ON FY 1978 BUDGET REQUEST REITERATING HOUSE AND SENATE CRITICISM. OUR FY 1978 UNDP REQUEST NOW BEFORE CONGRESS IS 130 MILLION DOLLARS.

4. YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT UNDP ADMINISTRATOR BRADFORD MORSE HAS MADE A MAJOR EFFORT DURING THE RECENT OPEC FINANCE MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA TO SECURE A POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION FROM THE OPEC SPECIAL FUND. HE SPOKE WITH MOST OF THE MINISTERS AND REPORTEDLY RECEIVED POSITIVE REACTIONS TO THIS INITIATIVE. A FORMAL UNDP PROSPECTUS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PRESENTED TO AND DISCUSSED WITH THE SPECIAL FUND STAFF BY I.G. PATEL, UNDP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. UNDP SEEMS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT A CONTRIBUTION WILL BE FORTHCOMING WHEN THE BOARD OF THE SPECIAL FUND NEXT MEETS IN AUGUST. END FYI.

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